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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY--JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG--ASEAN

1. IN SUBJECT MEETING EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS DECIDED TO MAKE
CAUTIOUS APPROACH TO ASEAN NATIONS IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE AND
DEEPEN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS. THE NINE BELIEVES THAT
IT IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO REINFORCE ASEAN TIES WITH THE
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WEST IN THE POST-VIET NAM PERIOD. THEY ARE AWARE FROM PREVIOUS

CONTACTS THAT THE ASEAN COUNTRIES WOULD LIKE TO LIMIT THEIR ECONOMIC DEPENDENCE ON JAPAN BY DIVERSIFYING THEIR ECONOMIC RELATIONS.

2. THE COMMUNITY WILL MAKE KNOWN ITS WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS IMPROVED RELATIONS THROUGH THEIR AMBASSADORS IN ASEAN COUNTRIES AND EVENTUALLY THROUGH CONTACT WITH AS ASEAN SECRETARIAT WHEN ONE IS ESTABLISHED. THEY ALSO PLAN TO SEND A MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO ASEAN SUMMIT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY IN BALI.

3. COMMENT: MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOURCE SAID THE NINE HAS NOTHING AS ELABORATE AS LOME CONVENTION IN MIND, NOR DO THEY WISH TO APPEAR TO BE ATTEMPTING TO INCREASE THEIR INFLUENCE IN SOUTHEAST ASIA AT THE EXPENSE OF THE UNITED STATES. THEY BELIEVE THERE IS ROOM FOR BETTER ECONOMIC RELATIONS, INCLUDING EC FINANCIAL AID AND ASSISTANCE, AND CLOSER POLITICAL TIES BETWEEN THE COMMUNITY AND THE ASEAN COUNTRIES, AND THESE ARE THE SUBJECTS THEY PROPOSE TO EXPLORE IN A LOW-KEY MANNER DURING THE COMING MONTHS. PHILLIPS

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